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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final office action dated December 1, 2006. This response is timely filed and therefore, it is believed that no fees are due. In the event a fee is due, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 from Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this document.